WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Foreign Employment Bureaus in various States

†*304. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of LABOUR, AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of Foreign Employment- Bureaus situated in the country;

(b) the details of number of people who have been registered under this bureau in Haryana during the last one and a half year; and

(c) the number of people in Haryana who have been provided employment abroad by the Government under this Bureau and the information regarding each person alongwith details thereof.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The information is not centrally maintained.

(b) and (c) As per the information given by the State Government, total number of persons registered with Overseas Placement Bureau, Haryana is 4849. 11 persons are stated to have been placed in Dubai so far out of which 10 persons have been placed as labourers and 1 as welder.

Achievement of targets by DRDO

†*305. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) which has been entrusted with the responsibility of development and research of defence equipments has failed to achieve its targets;

(b) the targets of DRDO laid down in the Tenth Plan and the total percentage of success achieved by DRDO in its targets out of the targets set for it so far;

(c) the success achieved by DRDO in developing an Advanced Arjun Tank and light fighter plane and the total expenditure incurred in this head; and

(d) whether the army has put a question mark on the quality of the Arjun Tank developed by DRDO?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) DRDO has developed many systems and sub-systems, which have been accepted by the Armed Forces and are in use by them. Apart from excellent contributions to the strategic programmes, it has developed missiles, radars, sonars, an advanced weapon system, unmanned aircrafts, command and control system, NBC reconnaissance vehicle, logistic systems, like Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle, Multi-span Mobile Bridging system, etc. Projects on Electronic Warfare,

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Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) have made commendable progress. Few of the projects have been delayed for genuine technological and field trials and evaluation reasons.

Against a set target of Rs. 12072 crore, projects totaling to Rs. 11385 crore has been taken up, during Tenth Plan.

The project for development of Main Battle Tank, Arjun was completed in March, 1995 with a total expenditure of Rs.305.60 crore, with delivery of 12 prototypes and 15 pre-production series of Arjun Tanks. Army has placed an indent of 124 MBT Arjun on Ordnance Factory Board/Heavy Vehicle Factory, and deliveries commenced.

Light Fighter Plane, Tejas is in Initial Operational Clearance phase. Expenditure incurred in Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) Phase-I was Rs.2188 crore and in Phase-II is Rs.2195.75 crore. lAF has already placed order for one squadron of Aircraft to Initial Operational Clearance standards.

Army has evaluated the MBT in field trials and accepted it. A few minor defects were noticed during field evaluation of production tanks, which were analysed jointly by DRDO and Army. These production defects were rectified by DRDO and HVF and clearance for production of MBT Arjun has been given by Army.

Linking of villages in M.P. under PMGSY

†*306. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent proposals worth Rs. 1269.6 lakhs on 2nd November, 2006 and 21st December, 2006 to the Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India with regard to linking of unconnected villages under the annual Central Financial Scheme under PMGSY, Phase Seven, Bench F;

(b) whether the objections raised on the said proposals were also solved on 12th January, 2007; and

(c) by when Government's sanction will be received in the said matter?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Project proposals for 1182 road works for Phase VII (Batch-I), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) were submitted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh *vide* letter dated 02.11.2006 and 21.12.2006.

(b) Clarifications about project proposals for Phase VU, PMGSY were given by the State Government *vide* letter dated 12.01.2007.

(c) Project proposals for 1182 road works measuring 4934.91 km. and valued at Rs. 1295.32 crore have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Rural Development,

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